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April 12, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AGREEMENT WITH  
THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE  
FOR INSPECTING RETAIL GASOLINE STATIONS  
(All Districts - 3 Votes)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve the accompanying agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) which reimburses to the County \$108,975 for one year, beginning July 1, 2005, for inspections conducted at retail gas stations by employees of the Department of the Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (ACWM).
2. Direct the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures to sign.
3. Authorize the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures to amend the contract in an amount not to exceed 10% of the original contract amount.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For the past 17 years CDFA has contracted with the Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (ACWM) to enforce California Business and Professions Code, Chapters 14, 14.5, and 15, pertaining to gasoline station advertising signage, petroleum product labeling, and quality standards. CDFA wishes to continue reimbursing the Department for its enforcement activities.

Approval of the recommended agreement would allow the ACWM to continue the long standing contractual and mutually beneficial relationship with CDFA.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The agreement supports the County Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence (Goal 1), and Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4). County residents benefit when the approximately 2000 retail gasoline stations maintain accurate, easily visible advertising displays at the street, and at the dispensers. They further benefit when various products including lubricants, antifreeze, and gasoline are properly identified as to their uses and capabilities. These inspections demonstrate fiscal responsibility as ACWM employees are already conducting accuracy testing of the gasoline meters at these locations.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The contract is 100% revenue offset, as CDFA will reimburse the County for inspection services rendered, up to a maximum \$108,975.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

It is within the scope of the mission of the ACWM to ensure that the residents of the County are protected from deceptive advertising practices that could take place at retail gasoline stations. The ACWM is also directed by law to protect consumers from being sold petroleum products that fail to meet established quality standards. ACWM inspectors issued over 400 notices of violation at retail gasoline stations during fiscal year 2003/04 for violation of provisions of Chapters 14, 14.5, and 15.

The terms of the Petroleum Products Agreement shall be for the period commencing July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006.

The agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PRODUCTS)**

The Petroleum Products Agreement supports an enforcement program already in place.

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**CONCLUSION**

It is requested that four (4) copies of the Petroleum Products Agreement submitted to your Board be returned to this Department, along with the minute order directing the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures to sign. The Department will forward the documents to the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Contracts Office.

Respectfully submitted,

“Original Signed”

Kurt E. Floren  
Agricultural Commissioner/  
Director of Weights and Measures

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Attachments

- c. Chief Administrative Officer  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel